



Federal Voting Assistance Program

Department of Defense Military Voting Assistance Officers Self-Administered Training

Introduction

Welcome to the 2012 Voting Assistance Officer Training. This training provides information to help you carry out your duties as a Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) and conduct a successful voting assistance program.



Training Goals

- This training program consists of five main sections:
 - UOCAVA, FVAP and You;
 - The Absentee Voting Process;
 - The Role of the Military Voting Assistance Officer;
 - Available Resources;
 - Quick Review and Certification



Your Vote Counts

During the 2012 election cycle, a number of important offices and items will go before the voters

- 33 United States Senators
- All Members of the U.S. House of Representatives
- 13 State and Territorial Governors
- State and Local Offices
- Ballot Questions and Referenda

Your Vote Counts

Recent Elections Potentially Decided by UOCAVA Voters:

- 2000: Florida Presidential Election;
- 2006: Virginia U.S. Senate Election;
- 2008: Alaska U.S. Senate Election;
- 2008: Minnesota U.S. Senate Election;
- 2009: New York 20th Cong. District Special Election.

The margin of victory in many elections is small than the total number of votes cast by UOCAVA Voters!



UOCAVA, FVAP, and You

- The Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), administers the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* on behalf of the Secretary of Defense.
- *UOCAVA* requires each Federal department and agency with personnel covered by the Act to have a voting assistance program.
- The FVAP biennial Voting Action Plan and Department of Defense Directive 1000.4 establish policy and guidelines to assist you in carrying out an effective voting assistance program.
- Your job as a VAO is to help to ensure that citizens understand their voting rights and how to register and vote absentee under *UOCAVA*.

UOCAVA, FVAP, and You

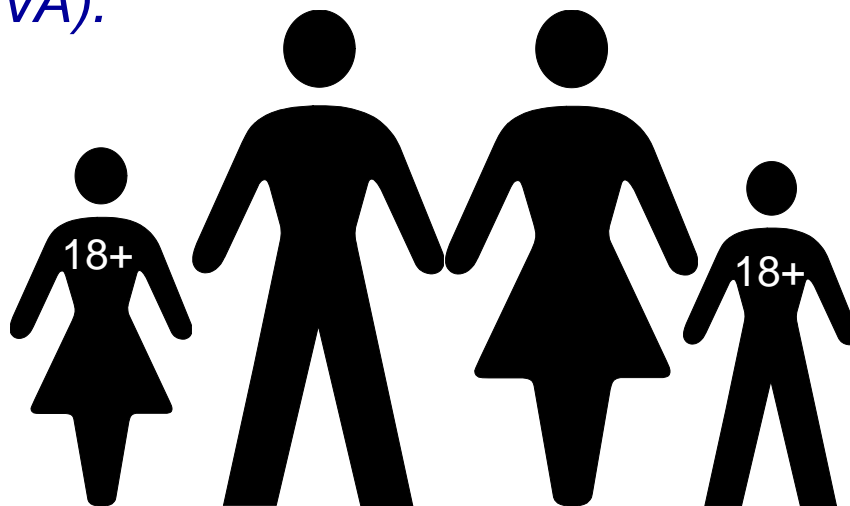
- *UOCAVA* requires States and territories to allow citizens covered under the Act to register and vote absentee for Federal offices.
- States and territories have their own laws that allow *UOCAVA* citizens to vote in State and local elections.
- U.S. citizens allowed to vote under *UOCAVA* include:
 - Members of the U.S. Uniformed Services (on active duty) and Merchant Marine;
 - Their family members.
 - U.S. citizens residing outside the U.S.
- *UOCAVA* covers more than six million potential voters worldwide.



UOCAVA, FVAP, and You

The goals of the FVAP and VAOs worldwide are:

- Informing and educating U.S. citizens worldwide of their right to vote;
- Fostering voting participation;
- Protecting the integrity of, and enhancing, the electoral process at the Federal, State, and local levels, and;
- Promoting effectiveness and efficiency in the administration of the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*.



UOCAVA, FVAP, and You

FVAP Goals

- **Improve voter success rates to meet or exceed the general absentee population voter success rates by 2016.**
 - Absentee ballot cast rate
 - Counted rate of those cast
 - FWAB utilization/success rate
 - Registration & voter participation rates
- **Every State provides sufficient opportunity to successfully cast a military/overseas absentee ballot, by 2014.**
- **Quantify the overseas civilian population by 2012.**
- **Streamline the voting process <15 minutes for any stage.**

Your Role as a Military Voting Assistance Officer



The Military Voting Assistance Officer

Your responsibilities as a VAO:

- Become familiar with the online tools, *Voting Assistance Guide* (VAG) and the FVAP website (www.fvap.gov).
- Obtain a letter of designation from your Commanding Officer
- Receive VAO certification by attending an in-person FVAP workshop or through this web-based training to learn the absentee voting process.
- Schedule an orientation briefing with the Installation Commanding Officer (CO) prior to the start of primary elections.
- Let others know that you are available as a resource and provide your contact information.
- Sign up to receive the FVAP News Releases (send an email to vote@fvap.gov).

The Military Voting Assistance Officer

Your responsibilities as a VAO:

- Post notices in prominent locations reminding and motivating people to register and vote
- Ensure that there is an adequate supply of voting materials on hand year-round
- Armed Forces Voters Week (June 28-July 7, 2012)
 - Plan voting assistance activities such as non-partisan voter registration drives
- Absentee Voting Week (September 27-October 4, 2012)
 - During Absentee Voting Week, use media to notify voters to return the voted ballot immediately, and notify those who have not received their ballot to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.



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Your responsibilities as a VAO:

- Ensure delivery of the Federal Post Card Application to unit members and their dependents:
 - By January 15th of each year
 - By July 15th of each even numbered year
- Remind members in the organization who have received the FVAP Post Election Survey to complete it and return it immediately



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Your responsibilities as a VAO:

- As a VAO, you may provide only non-partisan voting procedures and information.
- You may not distribute any literature from candidates, political parties, or partisan organizations.
- The following resources provide more information on political activity by members of the Uniformed Services and Federal Employees:
 - Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, “Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty”
(<http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/134410.htm>)
 - The Hatch Act (restrictions on political activities by government employees) (www.osc.gov/hatchact.htm)

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The Voting Action Plan:

- The FVAP provides a biennial Voting Action Plan to implement the requirements of *UOCAVA* and Department of Defense Directive 1000.4 and to ensure that *UOCAVA* voters are provided all necessary voting information.
- Each of the Uniformed Services has an internal voting action plan. To get a copy of this plan, contact your Service Voting Action Officer.



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Creating an effective voting assistance plan:

- Display the 2012 Election Dates and motivational posters
- Reach out to younger citizens (18-24) who have statistically lower voter participation rates
- Include tenant organizations in your absentee voting activities, especially National Guard and Reserve Units



2012 Election Dates
OVER HERE, OVER THERE, DON'T DESPAIR - VOTE!

THIS CHART LISTS THE 2012 DATE PRIMARY ELECTION DATES IN ALL THE STATES, THE DATES OF CONGRESS AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVE PRIMARY ELECTIONS, AND THE DATES OF THE U.S. SENATE AND U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GENERAL ELECTIONS. A.C.T. THE GENERAL ELECTION IS FEDERAL NOVEMBER 6, 2012.

State	Presidential Primary	State Primary (If necessary)	State Runoff Primary	General Election	U.S. Representative	U.S. Senate
Alabama	MARCH 13	MARCH 13	APRIL 16	NOV	NO	NO
Alaska	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Arizona	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Arkansas	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
California	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Colorado	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Connecticut	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Delaware	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
District of Columbia	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Florida	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Georgia	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Hawaii	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Idaho	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Illinois	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Indiana	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Iowa	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Kansas	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Kentucky	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Louisiana	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Maine	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Maryland	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Massachusetts	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Michigan	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Minnesota	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Mississippi	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Missouri	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Montana	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Nebraska	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Nevada	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
New Hampshire	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
New Jersey	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
New Mexico	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
New York	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
North Carolina	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
North Dakota	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Ohio	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Oklahoma	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Oregon	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Pennsylvania	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Rhode Island	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
South Carolina	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
South Dakota	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Tennessee	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Texas	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Utah	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Vermont	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Virginia	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Washington	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
West Virginia	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Wisconsin	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Wyoming	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

Source: Election dates are current as of Jan 2011. Check your State's election website for additional details and updates.

YOUR VOTING ASSISTANCE OFFICER IS:
NAME: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

FVAP
FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
1055 BIRCHMOUNT, THUNDERBOLT, NC 28081-1155
WWW.FVAP.ORG • VOTER@FVAP.ORG • 1-800-438-VOTE

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Creating an effective voting assistance plan (continued)

- Disseminate copies of the “Frequently Asked Questions” for Uniformed Service Members”
- Send your good ideas and lessons learned to your Service Voting Action Officer (SVAO)
- Contact the [FVAP](#) if you cannot find answers locally or through your SVAO



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VAO Material Checklist:

- Command Support
- Letter of Designation from C.O.
- Voting Assistance Materials
- Time and Resources dedicated to VAO Duties
- Assistant VAO (One assistant VAO required for each 50 members of your unit)
- Bookmark online tools and forms found at FVAP.gov

*Instructions on how to order materials are in
Chapter 3 of the Voting Assistance Guide*



The Military Voting Assistance Officer

Voting Emphasis Weeks:

- Armed Forces and Overseas Citizens Voters Week
 - June 28-July 7, 2012
 - Stress completion and submission of FPCA

- Absentee Voting Week
 - September 27-October 4, 2012
 - Stress completion and submission of State ballots and FWAB

The Military Voting Assistance Officer

This section of the VAO training program will provide you with information on:

- Your Service Voting Action Officer (SVAO)
- Your responsibilities as a VAO
- The voting assistance plan
- The continuity folder



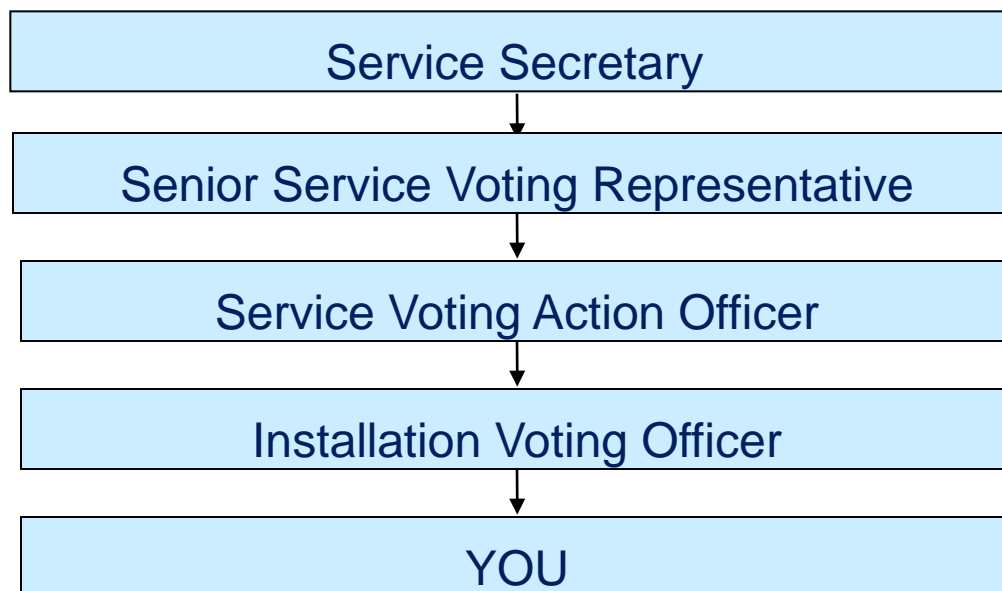
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- Within the Uniformed Services and the Merchant Marine, individuals at varying levels of command are responsible for implementing, managing, and carrying out voting assistance operations.
- The following slide provides an overview of the voting assistance “chain of command” within each branch of the Armed Services.



The Military Voting Assistance Officer

Your Service Voting Assistance Program





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Your Service Voting Action Officers

Army Voting Action Officer: Mrs. Rachel Gilman
tel: (502) 613-8475, DSN 312-983-8475
email: voting.questions@conus.army.mil

Navy Voting Action Officer: LT Andrew Bousky
tel: (202) 433-4000, DSN: 288-4000
email: VOTE@navy.mil

Air Force Voting Action Officer: Mr. William A. D'Avanzo
tel: (210) 565-2591, DSN: 665-2591, Option 5
fax: (210) 565-2543, DSN fax: 665-2543
email: dpsoof.votingfund@randolph.af.mil

Marine Corps Voting Action Officer: Mr. Bob Wagner
tel: (703) 784-9513, DSN: 278-9513
fax: (703) 784-9823, DSN: 278-9823
email: mra.voting.officer@usmc.mil

Coast Guard Voting Action Officer: CWO Charles "Al" Thompson, Jr.
tel: (202) 493-1922
fax: (202) 493-1939
email: Charles.A.Thompson2@uscg.mil

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The Continuity Folder/File:

- Create and maintain a continuity folder for your reference and to ensure that your successor understands what he or she is supposed to do
- The continuity folder will help you demonstrate to the Inspector General that you are fulfilling your duties.
- The continuity folder should include the following:
 - Current *Voting Assistance Guide*
 - Absentee voting forms (FPCA, FWAB)
 - VAO designation letter
 - Election Dates Calendar
 - Voting assistance good ideas and lessons learned
 - Recent Voting News Releases
 - VAO Training and Certificate



Voting by Absentee Ballot

Voting by Absentee Ballot

Voting Requirements:

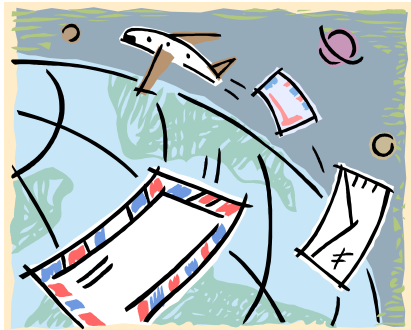
- A voter must be a U.S. citizen, and;
- At least 18 years old on Election Day in order to vote (some States permit a 17-year old to vote in primary election if he or she will be 18 by the date of the general election)



Voting by Absentee Ballot

The Voting Process:

- The absentee voting process permits citizens covered by *UOCAVA*, who will be away from their local polling places on Election Day, to register, request a ballot, and vote through the mail (or an alternative method if allowed by the State).
- In order to receive a ballot in a timely manner, it is very important that citizens keep their local election officials informed of address changes.




Voting by Absentee Ballot

The Absentee Voting Process

Step 1: Complete the FPCA to register and request your absentee ballot from your election official



Step 2: Election official approves your FPCA and sends you a blank absentee ballot



Step 3: Complete the FWAB to ensure that your vote is received in time to be counted



Step 4: Complete the Absentee Ballot and return it to your election official



Step 5: Your vote is counted.

Voting by Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application:

- The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is a postage-paid postcard for use by absentee voters covered under UOCAVA and is available through service distribution channels;
- The FPCA is also available for free at www.fvap.gov;
- Use the *Voting Assistance Guide* to find voting procedures for all States and territories, including:
 - Registration and ballot request deadlines;
 - State ballot mail out timeframes;
 - Ballot return deadlines;
 - Electronic transmission alternatives.

Voting by Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application:

- The FPCA serves as a valid request for absentee voter registration and/or absentee ballot request, regardless of whether the sender was registered prior to submitting the FPCA.
- FVAP recommends that each citizen submit an FPCA to his or her State of legal residence in January of each year and again each time there is a change in the citizen's mailing address.

Voting by Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application

FPCA SF-76(Front)

FPCA SF-76 (Back)

FPCA SF-76A (Online)

(After completion, fold to inside and seal before mailing.)
WARNING: Knowingly presenting false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

Standard Form 76 (Rev. 10-2008)

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM (Mark only one):
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☐ (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY
☐ (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. PERMANENTLY

2. MY INFORMATION (Required)
 a. TYPE OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle) _____ b. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable) _____
 c. SEX ☐ M ☐ F d. RACE _____ e. DATE OF BIRTH _____ f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ID NUMBER _____
 h. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No 20% number; include all international prefixes) _____ i. FAX NUMBER (No 20% number; include all international prefixes) _____

3. MAIL ADDRESS _____

4. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Address, use age, residence, business address, last and next nearest residence in U.S.)
 a. NUMBER AND STREET (or R.F.D. or P.O. Box) _____ b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE _____ c. COUNTY _____ d. STATE _____ e. ZIP CODE _____

5. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS _____

6. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required) _____

7. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections): _____

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Complete the period for which you want to receive ballots - see instructions for Block 8, paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)
 I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ M M D D Y Y Y Y
 (Witness/Notary and address if required) _____ Date: _____ M M D D Y Y Y Y

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Standard Form 76 Back (Rev. 10-2008)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT
 AUTHORITY: 42 USC 19731e. This 1. Registration and Voting by Absentee Uniformed Services Veterans and Overseas Voters in Elections for Federal Office.
 PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Serve as an application for registration and/or request for absentee ballot for all persons covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.
 DISCLOSURE: Information is collected to provide the necessary information to send you the ballot and to provide the necessary information to send you the ballot. This information is collected to provide the necessary information to send you the ballot. This information is collected to provide the necessary information to send you the ballot.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION
 Please use the Voting Assistance Guide for specific state-by-state information when completing this form. Type or print legibly. Accuracy and information regarding the validity and completion of this form, as well as specific state information may be obtained from military Unit Voting Assistance Officers, U.S. Embassy and Consular Voting Assistance Officers, or organizations of U.S. citizens overseas and <http://www.fvap.gov>.

Block 1: MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Address, use age, residence, business address, last and next nearest residence in U.S.)
 Block 2: MY INFORMATION (Required) (Address, use age, residence, business address, last and next nearest residence in U.S.)
 Block 3: MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Address, use age, residence, business address, last and next nearest residence in U.S.)
 Block 4: WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS (Required) (Address, use age, residence, business address, last and next nearest residence in U.S.)
 Block 5: MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required) (Address, use age, residence, business address, last and next nearest residence in U.S.)
 Block 6: MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections)

Block 4: WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS (Required) (Address, use age, residence, business address, last and next nearest residence in U.S.)
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MAILING INSTRUCTIONS (Fold and seal using the adhesive strip at top left. Do not place election official's address in on this article. DO NOT STAPLE.)

FROM: _____
 (Your name and current complete military or overseas mailing address)

U.S. Postage Paid
 39 USC 3406

PAR AVION

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTING MATERIAL - FIRST CLASS MAIL

NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF THE U.S. MAIL - DMN 7503.6.0

TO: _____

(After completion, fold to inside and seal before mailing.)
WARNING: Knowingly presenting false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions.

Standard Form 76 (Rev. 10-2008)

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

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 a. NUMBER AND STREET (or R.F.D. or P.O. Box) _____ b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE _____ c. COUNTY _____ d. STATE _____ e. ZIP CODE _____

5. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS _____

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Voting by Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application:

- As a VAO, citizens will come to you for assistance in filling out the forms required to register and vote absentee under *UOCAVA*.
- The following slides will walk through the process of completing the FPCA using the online tools found at www.fvap.gov and completing and submitting the FPCA the cardstock version.

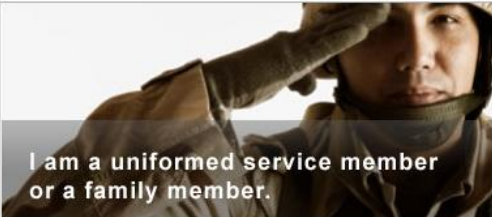
Online Tools


FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
 Voting Help For Uniformed Service Members, Their Families, & Citizens Living Outside The U.S.

[For Voting Assistance Officers](#) | [For Election Officials](#)

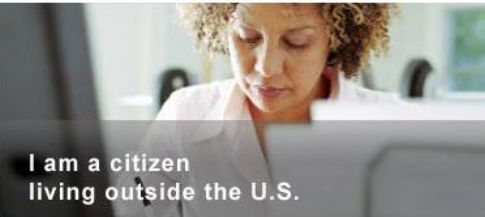
[HOME](#) | [STATE VOTING INFORMATION](#) | [REFERENCE/REPORTS](#) | [FAQ](#) | [CONTACT/CHAT](#)

To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

For active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members.



I am a citizen living outside the U.S.


For United States citizens who are living outside the U.S. for work, school or other reasons.

If neither of these choices apply to you, please visit www.canivote.org

Election Countdown

35 Days

Join us on Facebook & remind your friends to vote!

 Click here

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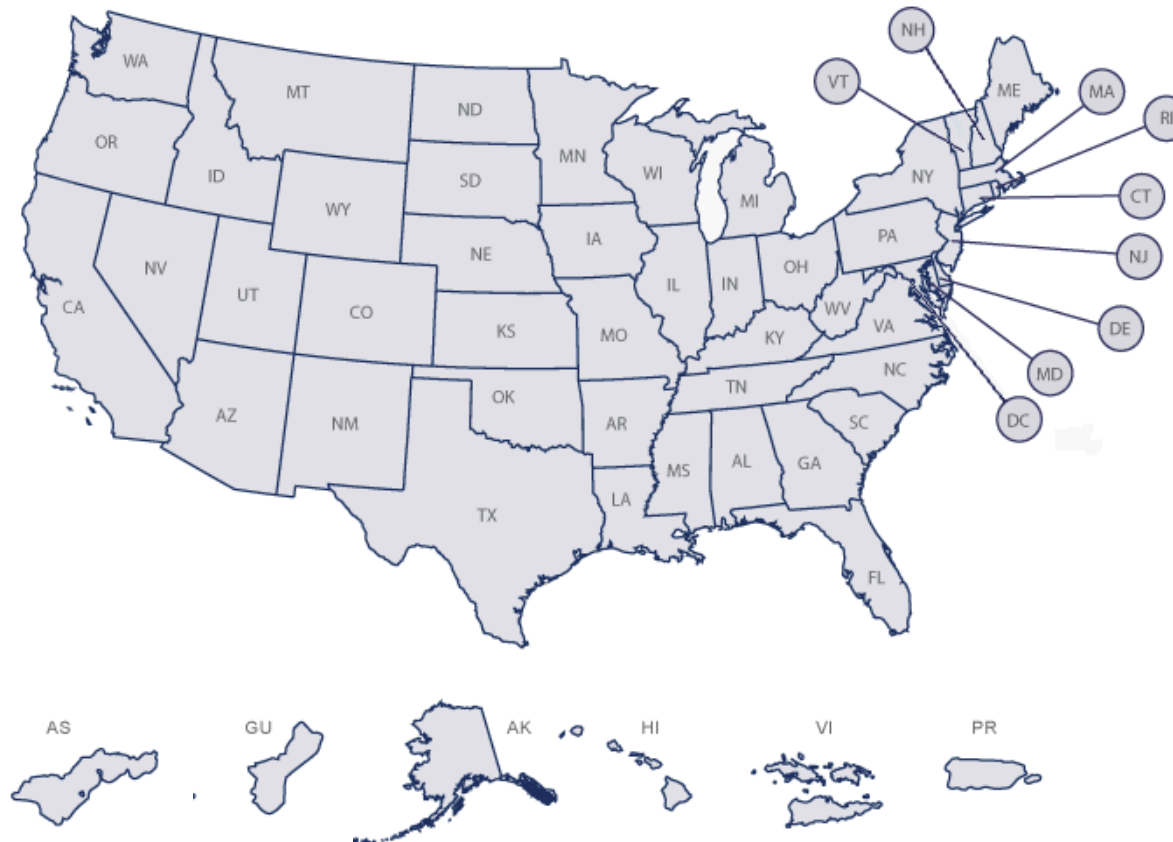
[Where to Send Forms](#)

[Information on Absentee Voting](#)

Visit www.FVAP.gov and click get started.

Select Your State

Uniformed Services members- Pick your state of legal residence. Overseas Citizens- Select the state in which you last lived before moving outside the U.S. Check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information on legal voting residence.





[Home](#) > [Select Your State](#) > What Would You Like to Do?

What would you like to do?

Register to Vote and/or
Request Ballot

[Get Started](#)

Get My Ballot Now

[Get Started](#)

Track My Ballot

[Get Started](#)

To fill out an FPCA, click Register to Vote and/or Request Ballot

Online Registration Tool

Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for Absentee Ballot

Complete the Form

[Eligibility](#)

[State](#)

[Jurisdiction](#)

My Information

[Voting Residence](#)

[Mailing Address](#)

[Method to Send Form](#)

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Print and Finish

Uniformed Services Member > Washington > King

My Information

First Name (required)

Telephone

Middle Name (required)

Fax (required)

Last Name (required)

E-Mail Address (required)

Suffix

Gender

Previous Name

Date of Birth (required)

Political Party

Social Security Number (required) - -

Driver's License or ID Number (required)

Enter your Washington Driver's License number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these numbers, the State will assign you a number for registration purposes.

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You are prompted for only the information required by your State. Once complete, print, sign and date the form.

Online Registration Tool

Instructions for Washington

Thank you for using the automated ballot request process. Review, print, sign, and submit your completed absentee ballot request form to your local election official at the address provided below.

General Election: November 2, 2010; Registration: November 2, 2010; Ballot Request: November 2, 2010; Ballot Return: Signed and Dated by: November 1, 2010; Received by: November 23, 2010 State Primary Election: August 17, 2010; Registration: August 17, 2010; Ballot Request: August 17, 2010; Ballot Return: Signed and Dated by: August 16, 2010; Received by: September 1, 2010

NOTE: Recommended Mailing Dates for Voted Ballots in 2010:

- From Iraq, Afghanistan, Deployed Naval Vessels: 4 weeks before the election
- From Other overseas Military Installations: 3 weeks before the election
- From Other overseas locations: 4 weeks before the election (depending on foreign mail service)
- From Within the United States: 1 week before the election

NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS

Robert Harrison Carey
NAVCENT F2C2
FPO AE 09504-6219



US POSTAGE PAID

39 USC 3406

PAR AVION

OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTING MATERIAL - FIRST-CLASS MAIL

NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IN THE U.S. MAIL - DMM 703.8.0

TO:

King County Elections Services

King County Elections Division

919 SW Grady Way

Renton, WA 98507-2906

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Standard Form 75A (Rev. 10-2005)

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☐ (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY

☐ (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY

2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

a. TYPE OF PRINTED FORM (JABE, FPC, MDS)

b. PREVIOUS FORM (if applicable)

c. NAME (Last, first, middle initial)

d. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

f. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ID NUMBER

g. TELEPHONE NUMBER (no country number; include an international prefix)

h. FAX NUMBER (no country number; include an international prefix)

i. EMAIL ADDRESS

3. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Mailing; use legal residence. Overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.)

a. NUMBER AND STREET (Cannot be a P.O. Box)

b. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE

c. COUNTY

d. STATE

e. ZIP CODE

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Mailing; use legal residence)

b. MY HOME/WORKING ADDRESS (NOTE: complete this only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in block 4a.)

5. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY: ☐ MAIL ☐ FAX ☒ EMAIL

6. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections)

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Specify the period for which you want to receive ballots - see instructions for Block 6, paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)

Receive ballots for: All elections for which I am eligible.

8. AFFIRMATION (Required)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

1. I am a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and

2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and 3. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, and

4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and

5. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and

6. The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of voter or eligible spouse/dependent) (Signature of election official)

NOT REQUIRED

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Follow your State specific instructions for returning the form.

Cardstock FPCA Instructions

Completing the FPCA:

Block 1: Register/Request Ballot

- Because Jim is in the Uniformed Services, he will check box (a).
- Jim's wife, Jane, and any eligible family members will also check box (a).
- This information determines, in some States, whether a voter receives a partial ballot (only Federal offices) or full ballot (Federal and non-Federal).
- All States allow Uniformed Services members to vote the full ballot – thus, Jim will receive the full ballot.

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

1. I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AND I AM *(Mark only one)*:

- ☒ (a) A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT
- ☐ (b) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY
- ☐ (c) A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY

Cardstock FPCA Instructions

Completing the FPCA:

Block 2: My Information

- Information on race is requested by some States, but Jim's application will not be rejected if he leaves it blank.
- You should encourage Jim to provide a telephone, fax number, and email, which will help the local election official communicate with him and resolve any questions.

2. MY INFORMATION									
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle)						SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)		b. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable)	
Jones, James, Larry						Sr			
c. SEX		d. RACE	e. DATE OF BIRTH		f. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		g. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER		
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h. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)						i. FAX NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)			
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j. EMAIL ADDRESS									
jj. pdf 57@hawks tooth. com									



Block 3: My Voting Residence

- The information that Jim enters here will determine which ballot he will be sent.
- Jim is pretty sure that his voting residence is in California, but since he has moved around quite a bit since joining the Uniformed Service, he has asked you for help in making sure.
- Since residency questions can be complicated, the following slides will provide some general guidelines on this topic, before re-visiting the matter of Jim's voting residence.

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Cardstock FPCA Instructions

Voting Residence:

- Each voter must have a legal residence address in a State or territory to vote in U.S. elections.
- Final determinations on issues of voting residence are made by the local election officials.
- Voters should provide as much information as possible on the FPCA to help ensure successful registration and ballot request.
- Always check with legal counsel if you have questions about legal residence.



Cardstock FPCA Instructions

Voting Residence:

- Key points to remember:
 - You may only have one legal residence at a time, but you may change it each time you are transferred to a new location.
 - The address on your Leave and Earnings statement is often your legal residence address.

Cardstock FPCA Instructions

Completing the FPCA:

Block 4: Where to Send My Voting Materials

- Since Jim is currently stationed overseas at an APO, he enters his mailing address at that location.
- You remind Jim to notify his local election official ASAP if/when he has an address change.
- Jim can check the VAG to see if his State permits faxing or emailing of the ballot.

4. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS	
a. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required)	b. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (NOTE: Complete 4b. only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4a.)
James Larry Jones	James Larry Jones
USS FVAP	12 North Court st
FPO AE 54321	Rockville, PN 43210
c. I PREFER TO RECEIVE MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, AS PERMITTED BY MY STATE, BY:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> FAX <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL	

Cardstock FPCA Instructions

Completing the FPCA:

Block 5: My Political Party Preference

- Political party preference is required in most States to participate in partisan primary elections.
- In a partisan primary election, candidates from a political party are chosen to represent that party in a subsequent general election.
- After checking his State's requirements in the VAG, Jim decides to enter his political party preference.
- *Note that even if Jim did not enter party preference, he would still receive the November general election ballot.*

5. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections):

A	b	c	d	e	f		P	a	r	t	y						
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Cardstock FPCA Instructions

Completing the FPCA:

Block 6: Additional Information

- Provide any additional information in this box that may assist your Local Election Official with processing your form.
- Your State also may require additional language be included in this box.
- The Voting Assistance Guide will also indicate any other materials or proof of residence you may be required to provide your State.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION *(Designate the period for which you want to receive ballots - see instructions for Block 6, paragraph (3). Consult the Voting Assistance Guide for other specific state instructions.)*

Last date lived in Mayville: Feb. 2002.

Due to military contingencies, I am unable to follow the regular absentee ballot application process. I request a special write-in ballot.

Cardstock FPCA Instructions

Completing the FPCA:

Block 7: Affirmation

- After reading the affirmation, Jim signs and dates the application.
- You remind Jim that by signing the FPCA, he is verifying his information under the penalty of perjury.

7. AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

1. I am a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and
2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and
3. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, and
4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
5. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
6. The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

Signed: James L. Jones Date: 08072006 Signed: _____ Date: _____
M M D D Y Y Y Y (Witness/Notary and address (if required)) M M D D Y Y Y Y

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Cardstock FPCA Instructions

Jim is now ready to submit his FPCA:

- First, he checks his State's requirements in the VAG to make sure he complies with any/all State deadlines;
- Second, he looks in his State's section of the VAG to determine if any electronic transmission options are available. States may allow the voter to submit the FPCA by email or fax;
- Next, he looks in his State's section of the VAG for the mailing address of his local election official.
- He enters the complete address for the local election official on the FPCA mailing envelope:
 - You notify Jim that if he mails his FPCA through the U.S. Post Office (including APO/FPO) or diplomatic pouch, he should not write "USA" in the address line of the mailing envelope, as this could cause delay.
 - Note that if Jim was using a foreign country's postal service, he would have to apply local postage, and he should write "USA" in the address line of the mailing envelope.

Cardstock FPCA Instructions

How to Send It:

- Cardstock version of the FPCA is postage-paid in the US Mails
 - U.S. Postal Service
 - Military Postal Service
 - State Department Pouch Mail
- Online version must be placed in an envelope and postage is not automatically paid
 - Postage Paid envelope template available at <http://www.fvap.gov/resources/media/returnenvelope.pdf>

Voting by Absentee Ballot

- When the local election official receives Jim's FPCA he/she will process the form and send the ballot to Jim's mailing address, provided that Jim meets the State residency requirements and his FPCA was fully completed.
- Jim is encouraged to call, fax, or email his local election official to verify that her application was processed.
- Jim should receive his regular State absentee ballot from the local election official in time for him to vote and return the ballot by the State's deadline for counting.



Voting by Absentee Ballot

Top Reasons why an FPCA Cannot be Processed:

- Inadequate or No Legal Voting Residence Address
- Inadequate or Illegible Current Mailing Address
- Illegible Writing
- Applying to the Wrong Jurisdiction
- Failure to Indicate Party Preference (for Primary Elections)
- Form not signed and/or dated
- Received too late
- Form not completed
- Envelope lacks proper postage



Voting by Absentee Ballot

Consequences of Failure

**YOU MAY BE UNABLE TO
SUCCESFULLY RECEIVE
AND CAST YOUR BALLOT**

Voting by Absentee Ballot

Electronic Transmission:

- All States and territories will transmit a blank ballot through electronic transmission (fax or email).
- Many states will allow you to submit your FPCA or return your voted ballot by fax or email.
- The *Voting Assistance Guide* details which electronic alternatives are available in each State and territory.
- Refer to FVAP.gov or the *Voting Assistance Guide* for detailed transmittal instructions.



Voting by Absentee Ballot

FVAP Electronic Transmission Service:

FVAP provides toll-free fax and email support to Uniformed Services members, family members and overseas citizens.

- Fax: DSN faxing and toll-free fax numbers in 51 countries
 - <http://www.fvap.gov/contact/tollfreefax.html>
- Email: Send materials in PDF form to ets@fvap.gov
 - Where allowed by your State, you may also send your election materials to this email address for email-to-fax conversion.

Voting by Absentee Ballot

The Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:

- Occasionally, even though a *UOCAVA* voter has submitted a complete and timely FPCA, he/she may not receive the ballot in time to return it by the State's deadline.
- In situations like this, *UOCAVA* citizens may use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB).
- The FWAB is a ballot that can be used by *UOCAVA* citizens in all general elections for Federal offices.
- The FWAB is pre-positioned at Uniformed Service bases throughout the world and available online at www.fvap.gov.

Voting by Absentee Ballot

The Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:

- You can submit the FWAB at any time, and multiple times (though only one will be counted).
- In most cases you can only use the FWAB to vote for Federal offices in general elections.
- Some States have expanded the use of the FWAB to include:
 - Voting in primary, run-off, and special elections;
 - Voting for offices other than Federal offices;
 - Use as a registration and ballot request.
- You should still return your regular State ballot.
- Submit the FWAB no later than 30 days before the election.

Voting by Absentee Ballot

The Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

FWAB SF-186

FWAB SF-186A(Online)

WARNING: Knowingly presenting false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions. (Standard Form 186A (Rev. 10-2005))

VOTER'S DECLARATION/AFFIRMATION - FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT (FWAB)

1. I AM (Mark only one):

☐ A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT

☐ A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY

☐ A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY

1a. I ALSO REQUEST VOTER REGISTRATION (where permitted by state law): ☐

2. MY INFORMATION (Required)

2.1. PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle): _____ SUFFIX (if any): _____ 2.2. PREVIOUS NAME (if applicable): _____

2.3. SEX: ☐ Male ☐ Female 2.4. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ 2.5. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ 2.6. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER: _____

3. TELEPHONE NUMBER (NO DASHES) (Include an international prefix): _____ 3.1. FAX NUMBER (NO DASHES) (Include an international prefix): _____

4. EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

5. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Airmail, use legal residence. Overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.)

5.1. NUMBER AND STREET (Include ZIP+4® if possible): _____

5.2. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE: _____ 5.3. COUNTY: _____ 5.4. STATE: _____ 5.5. ZIP CODE: _____

6. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS

6.1. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Include this box if required): _____

6.2. MY HOME/WORKING ADDRESS (Include this box if required): _____

6.3. MY HOME/WORKING ADDRESS (Include this box if required): _____

7. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional, but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections): _____

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Overseas the United States for which you want to receive future ballots. See instructions. Consult your state pages of the Voting Assistance Guide for additional information requested): _____

9. AFFIRMATION: (Required)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:

- I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. indefinitely.
- I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and
- I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, and
- I am not requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and
- My application for a regular absentee ballot was mailed in time to be received by the local election official 30 days prior to this election, or the state deadline, whichever is later, and
- I have not received the requested ballot, and
- I understand that my regular absentee ballot is received by the local election official in time to be counted, that ballot will be counted and this ballot will be counted.
- I have voted and sealed this ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of this ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or federal law and have not been intimidated, and
- I am a Uniformed Services member, or dependent, who is absent from my voting jurisdiction, or I am an overseas citizen and have submitted this ballot from outside the U.S., or my state has made special provisions to assist me to mail this ballot outside the U.S., and
- My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and
- The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY) Signature: _____ Date: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

U.S. SENATOR

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE**/RESIDENT COMMISSIONER**

ADDENDUM

Some states allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas citizens in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Consult your state section in the Voting Assistance Guide to determine your state's policy. If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices/candidates other than those listed above, please indicate in the space provided below the office for which you wish to vote (for example, Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.), and the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.

OFFICE: _____ CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION: _____

Standard Form 186 (Rev. 2005) (Use reverse side for additional space)

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

SECURITY ENVELOPE

(ONLY PUT VOTED BALLOT INSIDE THIS ENVELOPE)

Standard Form 186 (Rev. 2005)

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

U.S. SENATOR

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE**/RESIDENT COMMISSIONER**

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OFFICE: _____ CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION: _____


Standard Form 186A (Rev. 10-2005) (Use reverse side for additional space)

Voting by Absentee Ballot

- It is 34 days before the general election, and Jim has returned to you for additional assistance.
- Jim has not received his absentee ballot and he is concerned that there is not enough time to return it in a timely manner if/when he does get it.
- As a VAO, you know that FVAP recommends that a *UOCAVA* voter who has not received his/her ballot should complete and submit the FWAB no later than the 30th day before the election.



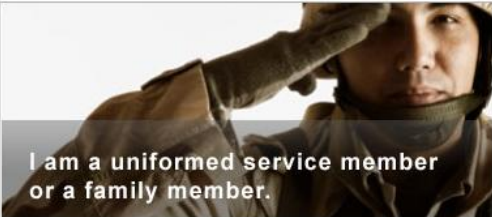
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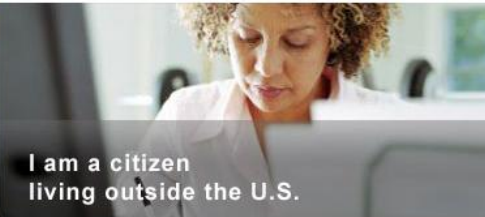
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To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are



I am a uniformed service member or a family member.

For active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members.



I am a citizen living outside the U.S.


For United States citizens who are living outside the U.S. for work, school or other reasons.

If neither of these choices apply to you, please visit www.canivote.org

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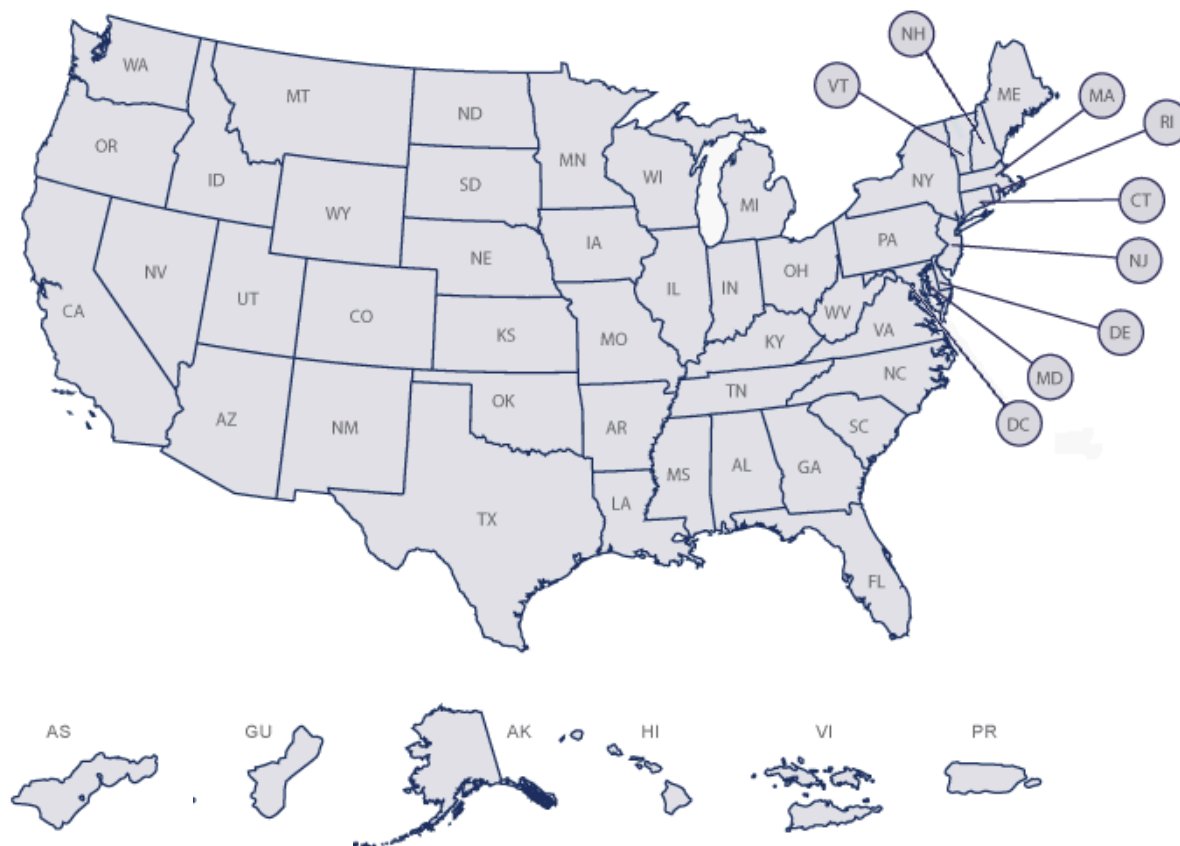
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Visit www.FVAP.gov and click get started.

Select Your State

Uniformed Services members- Pick your state of legal residence. Overseas Citizens- Select the state in which you last lived before moving outside the U.S. Check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information on legal voting residence.





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What would you like to do?

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Request Ballot

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To fill out a FWAB, click Get My Ballot Now



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Get My Ballot Now

Use New York's automated assistant to get a complete State ballot.

[Get Started](#)

or

Use FVAP's automated assistant to complete and print a back-up write-in ballot for Federal candidates.

[Get Started](#)

Important Dates for UOCAVA citizens

General Election: 11/02/2010

Registration: 10/08/2010

Request ballot by: 10/22/2010

Return ballot by: 11/09/2010*

*Postmarked by the day before the election

Resources:

[New York Absentee Voting Guidelines](#)

[New York State Election website](#)

Would you rather fill out the form by hand?

[Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot](#)

**If a State ballot system is available, the voter should use that system.
If not, the voter can use the FVAP FWAB tool.**

Online FWAB Tool

Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Complete the Form

Eligibility

State

Jurisdiction

Use of FWAB

My Information

Voting Residence

Mailing Address

Vote Candidates

Confirm Votes

Additional Information

Print and Finish

Deferral Service Number > Alerts > Support

Vote Candidates (Help)

Choose your candidates below by selecting the radio button, then **cast all choices**.

You can find help in determining your district's candidates.

No Presidential candidates found.

U.S. Senator

Selection Last Name, First Name

☐ Clemmens, Alexander

☐ Jones, LeAnn

☐ Kib, Mark

Or Enter Your Write-In Candidate

#

Duck

Donald

U.S. Representative/Delegate/Resident Commissioner

Selection Last Name, First Name

☐ Rypert, Judy

☐ Harper, Scott

Or Enter Your Write-In Candidate

#

Mouse

Micky

- select -



OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

U.S. SENATOR*

Donald Kaplan (Unaffiliated)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE**/RESIDENT COMMISSIONER**

Mark Grannis (Libertarian)

* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate.

** Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may vote only for Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

ADDENDUM

Some states allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas civilian voters in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Consult your state section in the *Voting Assistance Guide* to determine your state's policy. If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for offices/candidates other than those listed above, please indicate in the spaces provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example: Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.), and the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.

OFFICE

CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION

Governor

Mouse Mickey

Lt. Governor

Independent

Attorney General

Duck Daffy

Cardstock FWAB Instructions

Completing the FWAB:

- First, you tell Jim to read all instructions carefully before completing the Declaration/Affirmation, which is very similar to the FPCA.
- Next, you notify Jim that, as with the FPCA, some States require that a notary/witness sign the FWAB, so he should check the VAG to find out what is required in his State.
- Jim signs and dates at the bottom of Declaration/Affirmation.

WARNING: Knowingly presenting false information in this application could result in criminal sanctions. Standard Form 185A (Rev. 10-2005)

VOTER'S DECLARATION/AFFIRMATION - FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT (FWAB)				
1. a. I AM (Mark only one):				
<input type="checkbox"/> A MEMBER OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR MERCHANT MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY, OR AN ELIGIBLE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. TEMPORARILY <input type="checkbox"/> A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OUTSIDE THE U.S. INDEFINITELY				
1. b. I ALSO REQUEST VOTER REGISTRATION (where permitted by state law) <input type="checkbox"/>				
2. MY INFORMATION (Required)				
3. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle)			4. SUFFIX (Jr., Sr., III, etc.)	
5. PREVIOUS NAME (If applicable)				
6. SEX <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	7. RACE	8. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	9. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	10. STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR I.D. NUMBER
11. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)			12. FAX NUMBER (No DSN number; include all international prefixes)	
13. EMAIL ADDRESS				
14. MY VOTING RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Required) (Military, use legal residence. Overseas citizens, use last legal residence in U.S.)				
15. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use a P.O. Box)				
16. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE			17. COUNTY	18. STATE
			19. ZIP CODE	
20. WHERE TO SEND MY VOTING MATERIALS				
21. MY CURRENT ADDRESS (Where I live now) (Required)			22. MY FORWARDING ADDRESS (NOTE: Complete 4b. only if you do not want your ballot mailed to the address in Block 4a.)	
23. MY POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE (Optional; but may be required by states to register to vote in primary elections)				
24. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Designate the period for which you want to receive future ballots. See instructions. Consult your state pages of the Voting Assistance Guide for additional information requested)				
25. AFFIRMATION: (Required)				
I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that:				
1. I am a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member, or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S., or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S., and				
2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the day of the election), eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, and				
3. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated, and				
4. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S., and				
5. My application for a regular absentee ballot was mailed in time to be received by the local election official 30 days prior to this election, or the state deadline, whichever is later, and				
6. I have not received the requested ballot, and				
7. I understand that if my regular absentee ballot is received by the local election official in time to be counted, that ballot will be counted and this write-in ballot will be voided, and				
8. I have voted and sealed this ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of this ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or Federal law and I have not been influenced, and				
9. I am a Uniformed Services member, or dependent, who is absent from my voting jurisdiction, or I am an overseas citizen and have submitted this ballot from outside the U.S., or my state has made special provisions to allow me to mail this ballot inside the U.S., and				
10. My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document, and				
11. The information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.				
I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.				
Signed: _____		Date: _____		Signed: _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)		(MM/DD/YYYY)		(MM/DD/YYYY)
The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.				

Cardstock FWAB Instructions

Completing the FWAB:

- Jim is now ready to complete the write-in ballot, but before he does so, you explain to him that:
 - The FWAB is used for Federal offices, so he can write in his preferred candidates for the Office of President and Vice President, U.S. Senator, and U.S. Representative.
 - For each office, he may write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation.
 - Some States have expanded the use of the FWAB for State and local offices as well, so he should check the VAG to see if his State allows him to write-in these offices.

OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT	
PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT	<h1 style="margin: 0;">President/Vice President</h1>
U.S. SENATOR**	<h1 style="margin: 0;">U.S. Senator</h1>
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE/DELEGATE**/RESIDENT COMMISSIONER**	<h1 style="margin: 0;">U.S. Representative</h1>
<small>* Legal residents of the District of Columbia may vote only for President/Vice President and Delegate. ** Legal residents of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may vote only for Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.</small>	
ADDENDUM	
<small>Some states allow the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot to be used by military and overseas civilian voters in elections other than general elections or for offices other than Federal offices. Contact your state section in the Voting Assistance Guide to determine your state's policy. If you are eligible to use this ballot to vote for officials/ candidates other than those listed above, please indicate in the spaces provided below, the office for which you wish to vote (for example: Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, State Senator, etc.), and the name and/or party affiliation of the candidate for whom you wish to vote.</small>	
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME or PARTY AFFILIATION
<h2 style="margin: 0;">State Governor</h2> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<small>Standard Form 100 (Rev. 2005)</small> <small>(Use reverse side for additional space)</small>	
<small>(Separate here)</small>	

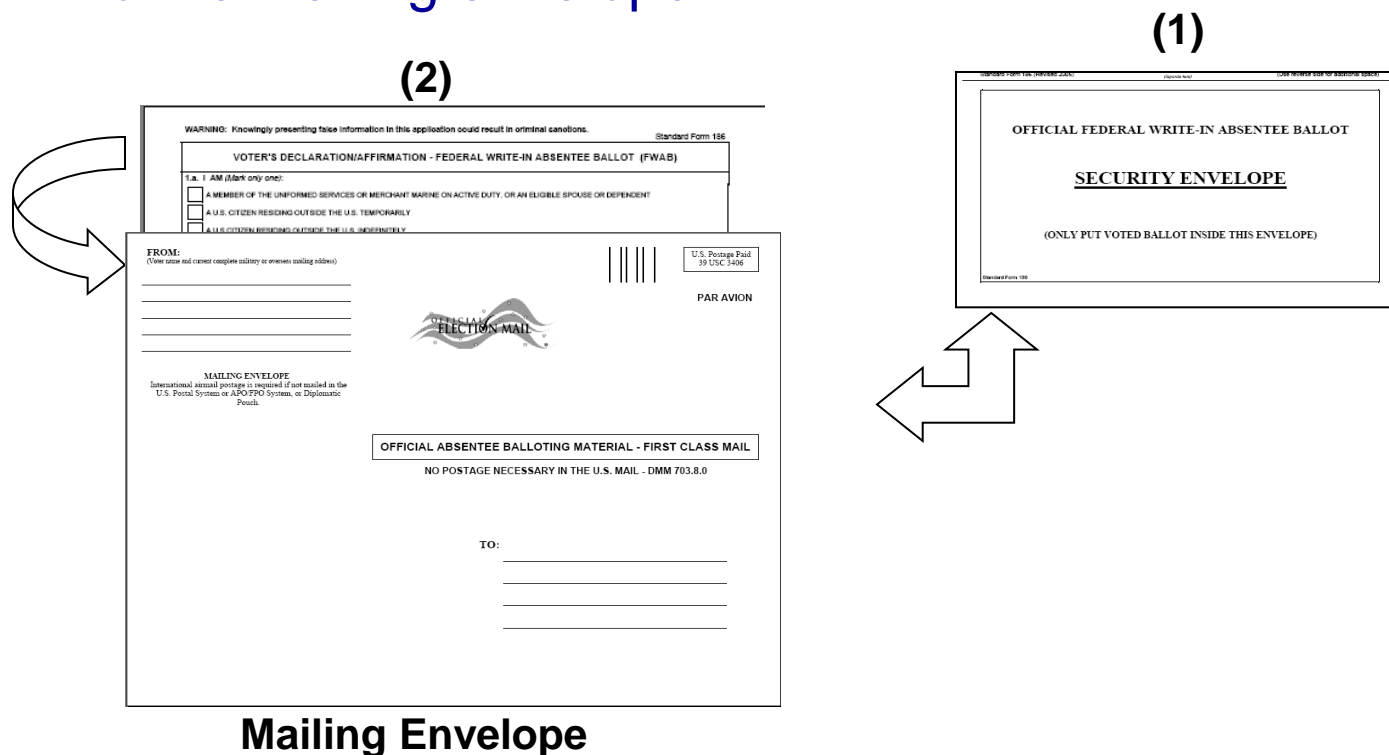
OFFICIAL FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT	
<h2 style="margin: 0;"><u>SECURITY ENVELOPE</u></h2>	
<p>(ONLY PUT VOTED BALLOT INSIDE THIS ENVELOPE)</p>	
<small>Standard Form 100 (Rev. 2005)</small>	

Cardstock FWAB Instructions

- Jim looks in his State's section of the VAG to determine if any electronic transmission options are available. States may allow the voter to submit the FWAB by email or fax.
- He refers to the *Voting Assistance Guide* for detailed transmittal instructions, including instructions for completing the required Official Election Materials Electronic Transmission Sheet.

Cardstock FWAB Instructions

- Next, Jim inserts (1) the sealed security envelope (containing the voted write-in ballot) and (2) the Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope.





Cardstock FWAB Instructions

- Jim looks in his State's section of the VAG for the mailing address of his local election official.
- He enters the complete address of the local election official on the FWAB mailing envelope.
 - You notify Jim that if he is mailing his FWAB through the U.S. Post Office (including APO/FPO), he should not write "USA" in the address line of the mailing envelope, as this could cause delay.
 - Note that if Jim was using a foreign country's postal service, he would have to apply local postage, and he should write "USA" in the address line of the mailing envelope.

Cardstock FWAB Instructions

- Next, Jim enters his mailing address in the upper left corner of the envelope – not his legal voting residence address.
- You remind Jim that before mailing, he needs to review the voter checklist that is provided on the mailing envelope.
- Notify Jim that, if possible, he should ask the mail clerk to hand stamp the FWAB envelope for proof of timely mailing
- Finally, Jim places the FWAB in the mail.

<small>FROM: (Use name and current complete mailing or overseas mailing address)</small> James Larry Smith Company FVAP APO AP 54321		 <small>U.S. Postage Paid 30 USC 3606</small>
		<small>PAR AVION</small>
<small>MAILING ENVELOPE International return postage is required if not mailed in the U.S. Postal Service or APO/FPO system, or Diplomatic pouch.</small>		
OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTING MATERIAL - FIRST CLASS MAIL <small>NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF THE U.S. MAIL - DMM 703.8.0</small>		
<small>To:</small> <u>Somewhere County Board of Elections</u> <u>Mayville Office Building</u> <u>100 Corner Street</u> <u>Mayville, CA 95555-2222</u>		



Voting by Absentee Ballot

- Two days after mailing the FWAB, Jim receives his regular State absentee ballot. You advise Jim that he should vote and return the ballot immediately.
- The regular ballot must be signed, dated, and postmarked by the day of the election.
- If the regular ballot arrives by the deadline for receipt of absentee ballots, the State will count the regular ballot instead of the FWAB.
- Jim should return his regular ballot regardless of its receipt date because his State may allow late counting of these ballots from overseas citizens.

Additional Resources

Additional Resources

www.fvap.gov

- The FVAP website provides:
 - All of the FVAP's informational materials
 - Election information
 - The online *Voting Assistance Guide*
 - The online Federal Post Card Application
 - The online Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot
 - Links to State election sites, Federal government sites and overseas U.S. citizen organizations
 - Additional information and resources for VAOs

The screenshot displays the FVAP website's 'Absentee Voting Overview' page. At the top, the FVAP logo and tagline 'Voting Help For Uniformed Service Members, Their Families, & Citizens Living Outside The U.S.' are visible. Navigation links include HOME, UNIFORMED SERVICES MEMBERS, CITIZENS OUTSIDE U.S., REFERENCE CENTER, FAQ, and CONTACT. A search bar is also present.

The main heading is 'Absentee Voting Overview'. Below it, a process flow diagram shows the steps: 'Complete the Registration/Absentee Ballot Request form and send it to your Election Official' → 'Election Official approves your Registration/Request and mails your ballot.' → 'Complete the absentee ballot and return it to your Election Official.' → 'Your vote is counted.' A link 'To learn more about the absentee voting process, please go to [About Absentee Voting.](#)' is provided.

The section 'To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are' features two main options:

- I am a uniformed service member or a family member.** This option includes text for active-duty members of the Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Public Health Service, NOAA, and their family members, with a 'Get Started' button.
- I am a citizen living outside the U.S.** This option includes text for United States citizens living outside the U.S. for work, school, or other reasons, also with a 'Get Started' button.

On the right side, there is an 'Election Countdown' showing '469 Days'. Below this is a 'News' section with links to 'More News', 'July 16, 2009 California News', 'April 24, 2009 Sloan Contest News', and 'April 6, 2009 California News'. There is also an 'RSS Subscribe' link.

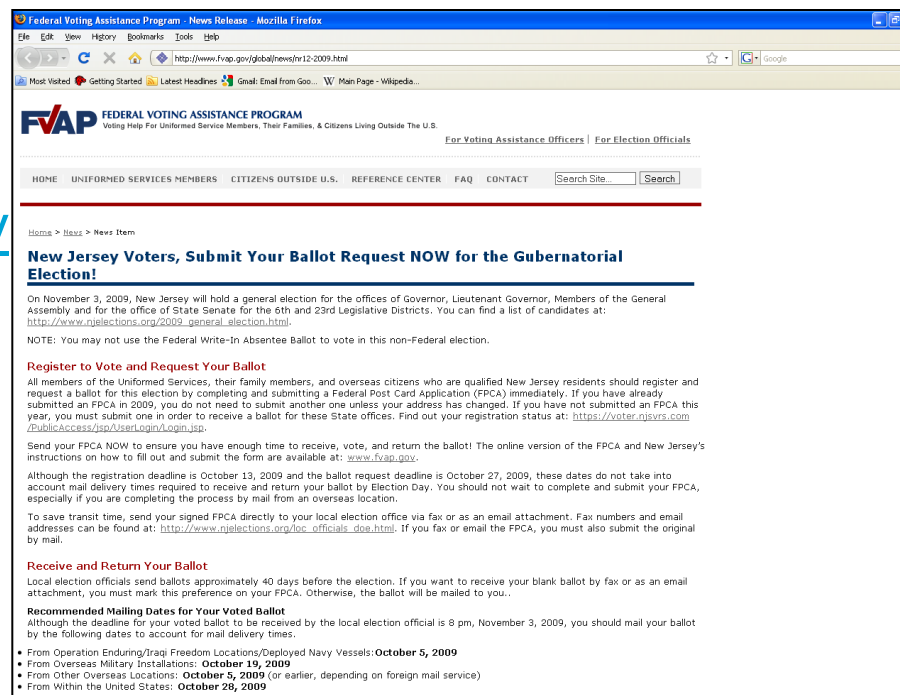
A 'Quick Links' section at the bottom right provides links to 'Get the Voter Registration/Absentee Ballot Request Form', 'Get the Back-up Ballot (Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot)', and 'Find out where to send my Voter Registration/Absentee Ballot Request and absentee ballot.' A footer note states: 'If neither of these choices apply to you, please visit www.canivote.org'.

Voting News Releases

Voting News Releases provide time-sensitive periodic news releases that inform and educate VAOs and UOCAVA citizens about the latest critical information on election dates, absentee registration, ballot request, and voting procedures.

➤ Voting News Releases are available online at www.fvap.gov and sent directly via email to VAOs

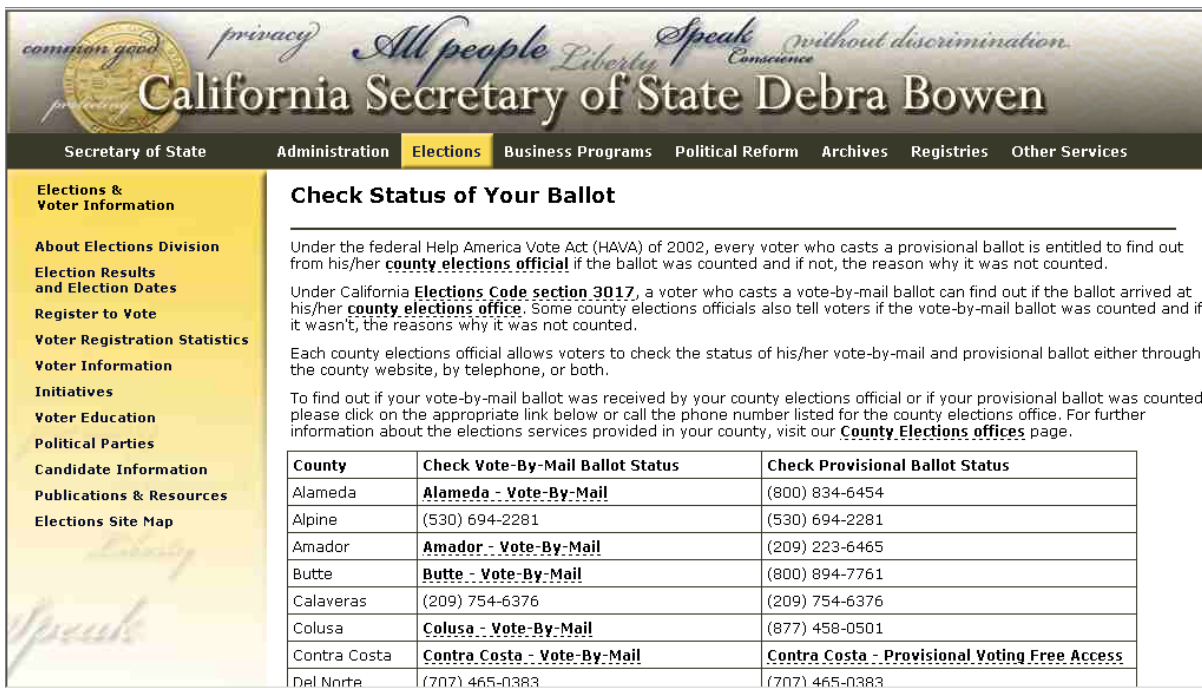
➤ Sign up to receive the Voting News Releases by sending an email to vote@fvap.gov.



Additional Resources

Voter Registration Verification and Ballot Tracking Sites:

- Voters can verify their registration status online in 35 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico
- Links to these “State Voter Registration Verification Websites” are provided at www.fvap.gov



The screenshot shows the website of the California Secretary of State, Debra Bowen. The header includes the state seal and the motto "E Pluribus Unum". The navigation bar lists various sections: Secretary of State, Administration, Elections (highlighted), Business Programs, Political Reform, Archives, Registries, and Other Services. The left sidebar contains links for Elections & Voter Information, About Elections Division, Election Results and Election Dates, Register to Vote, Voter Registration Statistics, Voter Information, Initiatives, Voter Education, Political Parties, Candidate Information, Publications & Resources, and Elections Site Map. The main content area is titled "Check Status of Your Ballot" and provides information on how to check the status of a ballot. It includes a table with links to county election websites and phone numbers for checking ballot status.

County	Check Vote-By-Mail Ballot Status	Check Provisional Ballot Status
Alameda	Alameda - Vote-By-Mail	(800) 834-6454
Alpine	(530) 694-2281	(530) 694-2281
Amador	Amador - Vote-By-Mail	(209) 223-6465
Butte	Butte - Vote-By-Mail	(800) 894-7761
Calaveras	(209) 754-6376	(209) 754-6376
Colusa	Colusa - Vote-By-Mail	(877) 458-0501
Contra Costa	Contra Costa - Vote-By-Mail	Contra Costa - Provisional Voting Free Access
Del Norte	(707) 465-0383	(707) 465-0383

Additional Resources

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

- FAQs for Uniformed Service Members are available online and in the *Voting Assistance Guide*.
- The FAQs provides answers on a variety of *UOCAVA* and election topics, including:
 - Qualifying to Vote Absentee & Determining Where to Vote
 - Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot
 - Casting Your Vote
 - Problems Receiving a Ballot
 - Other Election Information

Additional Resources

2012 Recommended Mailing Dates

- From Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom, Deployed Naval Vessels: 4 weeks before the election
- From Other Overseas Military Installations: 3 weeks before the election
- From Other Overseas Locations: 4 weeks before the election (depending on foreign mail service)
- From Within the United States: 1 week before the election

Additional Resources



<https://twitter.com/FVAP>



✓ Following



Just in time for key voting week, FVAP launches online registration assistant to help ease the process - <http://tinyurl.com/23p9a8j>

5:08 PM Jun 25th via web

Texas voters - give your input on pending voting rules - <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2010/061410.shtml>

1:52 PM Jun 25th via web

Kudos - DC is doing something very "unique" - <http://tinyurl.com/27wrq4z>

10:15 AM Jun 23rd via web

Next week is a key week for voting absentee. Are you registered? Go to www.fvap.gov to get registered. We're here for you!

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If you're looking for the official source of information

Name FVAP
Location Arlington, VA
Web <http://www.fvap.gov>
Bio The Department of Defense Federal Voting Assistance Program - Supporting and facilitating military and overseas absentee voting.

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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Kudos to McGuire-Lakehurst joint publication for helping to get the word out <http://www.jointbasemdl.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212348>

Online program helps military families vote absentee

www.jointbasemdl.af.mil
Defense Department officials launched an Internet-based program June 28 to help servicemembers and other Americans living overseas vote more easily in November's elections. The new online voting assistant at www.fvap.gov will make the registration and absentee ballot application process easier.

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Federal Voting Assistance Program, DoD Sweet article by Airman Joe McFadden (Hurlburt Field, FL) - <http://www2.hurlburt.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123212450>

Feature - Voting- it does a country good

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Website: www.fvap.gov
Email: vote@fvap.gov
Phone: Commercial: 703-588-1584
Toll-free: 800-438-VOTE (8683)
DSN: 425-1584

Twitter: twitter.com/fvap
Facebook: www.facebook.com/dodfvap

Toll-free commercial phone numbers from 67 countries (list available at www.fvap.gov)

Toll-free commercial fax numbers from 51 countries (list available at www.fvap.gov)

Quick Review

The following is a quick review of the main points to remember from this training program. After you finish the review, you may complete the Certificate of Training.



Quick Review

- Individuals covered under UOCAVA include:
 - Active duty members of the Uniformed Services
 - Uniformed Service family members
 - Members of the Merchant Marine
 - Merchant Marine family members
 - Civilians residing outside the United States
- VAOs help to ensure that U.S. citizens understand their voting rights and how to register and vote absentee under *UOCAVA*
- The FVAP biennial Voting Action Plan and DOD Directive 1000.4 establish policy and guidelines for an effective voting assistance program

Quick Review

- The primary resources for a VAO include:
 - The *Voting Assistance Guide*
 - The FVAP website
 - The Service Voting Action Officer (SVAO)
- An effective voting assistance plan includes:
 - Distributing voting materials in a timely manner
 - Displaying the Election Dates and motivational posters
 - Planning voting assistance activities
- All States have two basic voting requirements
 - A voter must be a citizen of the U.S
 - At least 18 years old (17 in some States if 18 by the general election)

Quick Review

- The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) can be used by *UOCAVA* voters to register and request a ballot
 - The FPCA is available online
 - Voters should send in a new FPCA in January of each year or if/when there is a change of address
- The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) is a backup or emergency ballot that *UOCAVA* citizens can use in general elections for Federal office
 - The FWAB is available online
 - Citizens should submit FWAB no later than 30 days prior to the election
- The FVAP conducts in-person workshops in Washington D.C. and around the world



Certification

Congratulations on completing the 2010-2011 Voting Assistance Officer Training! The following slide contains the Certificate of Completion. Please fill in your name, organization, command, or activity, and date at the bottom.

Thank you for your participation and for your service as a Voting Assistance Officer.



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Federal Voting Assistance Program



Certificate of Training

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Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program

Date



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